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of important problems connected with the nutritional values and most effective grouping and preparation of foods, both for human and animal use. Special attention will be given to national food conditions and to comprehensive problems involving the coordinated services of numerous investigators and laboratories. The committee, with the support of the council, is arranging to obtain funds for the support of its researches, and will get under way, just as soon as possible, certain specific investigations already formulated by individual committee members and sub-committees. These include studies of the comparative food values of meat and milk and of the conditions of production of these foods in the United States, together with the whole problem of animal nutrition; the food conditions in hospitals, asylums and similar institutions; the nutritional standards of infancy and adolescence; the formation of a national institute of nutrition; and other problems of similarly large and nationally important character.

#### SCIENTIFIC ITEMS

WE record with regret the death of Louis Valentine Pirsson, professor of geology in the Yale University, and of Allan McLane Hamilton, at one time professor of mental diseases in the Cornell Medical College.

THE Nobel prize for physics for 1918 has been awarded to Professor Max Planck, of Berlin, and for 1919 to Professor Stark, of Greifswald. The prize for chemistry for 1918 has been awarded to Professor Fritz Haber, of Berlin.—The National Academy of Sciences has awarded its medal for eminence in the application of science to the public welfare to Mr. Herbert C. Hoover for his applications of science in the conservation, selection and distribution of food.

DR. DAVID P. BARROWS, professor

of education and later of political science in the University of California, at one time director of education for the Philippine Islands and author of works on the islands, has been elected president of the University of California, to succeed Dr. Benjamin Ide Wheeler.—Dr. Frank Schlesinger, director of the Allegheny Observatory of the University of Pittsburgh, has been elected director of the Yale Observatory.—Dr. Richard M. Pearce, professor of research medicine in the University of Pennsylvania under the John Herr Musser Foundation, has accepted the position of director of the newly established division of medical education of the Rockefeller Foundation. Dr. Pearce has sailed for Europe to carry out work in the interest of the foundation.

WITH the exception of approximately \$25,000,000 the will of Henry C. Frick leaves his estate, believed to be worth approximately \$145,000,000, for public, charitable and educational purposes. Mr. Frick's house and art collection in New York City, which after the termination of Mrs. Frick's life estate are to go the public, are valued at approximately \$50,000,000. An endowment of \$15,000,000 is provided to maintain this as "The Frick Collection." Pittsburgh, where much of Mr. Frick's wealth was acquired, receives a tract of about 151 acres of land in the 14th ward of that city for a park and \$2,000,000 in trust to maintain and improve the property. The residuary estate to be divided into 100 shares valued at about \$500,000 each, is left in nineteen institutions. Princeton University receives thirty of these shares, Harvard University, The Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and the Educational Fund Commission Pittsburgh, each receives ten shares.